<c) the steps taken by Government to prevent the formation of such illegal arms factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PEN-SIONS AND THE MINISTER OF . STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBA-RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The, following items have been recovered from the factory: —

1. 7 complete air pistols
2. 201 complete pipes
3. 59 Kamanies
4. 407 pistol barrels .
5. 2400 rubber washers for air pistols
6. Or*} pistol cover
7. 19 air gun butts .
8. 3 air pistols marked "Tom-my.
9. 2 air guns
10. 284 finished pipes.
11. 49 springs.
12. One Varhier
13. 12 needles
14. One ma,gie meter
15. 8 different »3als
16. 16 machines of various kinds.

(c) The Delhi Police have taken a number of steps to detect such ille gal arms factories and sale of such illegal arms, as under: —

(i) Strict watch over :the per sons suspected to be involved in manufacturing and smuggling of illegal arms is kept.

(ii) Intelligence system has been strengthened.

(iii) Periodic raids are conducted to check the suspected places.

(iv) Armed pickets at strategic points hav$_e$ been stationed to check suspicious persons carrying such arms.

(v) Border check posts have been set up to detect persons carrying such arms.

(vi) Regular meetings with polic$_e$ authorities of neighbouring States are held to coordinate action to detect/nab smugglers/manufacturers $_0$f arms.

Evaluation of the afforestation measures

1531. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be plea sed to state:

(a) whether any evaluation of the afforestation measures taken in the country during the last few years has been made;

(b) whether the forest area in the country has increased as a result of these measures; and

(c) if so, what has been the extent of increase in the forest area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Private Armies/Senas

1532. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANI CKER; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing menace of Pri vate armies/senas, formed by differ ent sections of society in different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking to check the growth of such militant groups which threaten peace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.